

the local historical and genealogical societies as well as the Arts Council. Also housed in the Courthouse will be ample public conference and community meeting space.

Notable Stories

Jackson County Public Library was the home library for authors: John Parris, Sue Ellen Bridgers, and Gary Carden.

In the 1940s, over 5,000 people moved to the area to build the Fontana dam (in Swain and Graham counties). The dam was built by the TVA to supply power for the war effort. At the time, the Jackson County Public Library was on the verge of closing. With the new influx of people involved in the building of the dam, TVA librarian Mary Utopia Rothrock established the Fontana and Nantahala Regional Library Systems. Jackson County Public Library became a member of the Fontana Regional Library thereby saving it from closing its doors forever.